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Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project

USFS,

I strongly oppose the plan known Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project. While I understand the concern about a catastrophic wildfire, your proposed solution will not only fail to prevent such a fire, it will have the same effect in destroying the forest. There are so many reasons why your plan is both inadequate and short-sighted, it is impossible to detail them all, but to mention a few:

1) The mechanical thinning is a highly destructive process that make fire a greater risk due the slash left on the ground, not to mention the increased risk of insect infestation.

2) Your approach to the prescribed burns using highly toxic potassium permanganate is both dangerous and irresponsible, not to mention the nearly constant smoke in the air over all of the years you plan to conduct this project.

3) Reducing the forest by early 90% in the targeted area will only lead to erosion, loss of wildlife habitat and increase greenhouse gases. You are charged with protecting the forest, not leveling it!

Please analyze my concerns. A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement is both essential and required for a project of this scope and size that may have significant impacts on the environment and on resources such as recreation, roadless areas, and wildlife. And the analysis must be site-specific.

I hope you take my concerns seriously.

Mark Wingard